SEABROOK MUNICIPAL COURT
OPTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN YOU RECEIVE A CITATION

The following options must be requested or submitted on or before the scheduled court appearance date. Requests can be made at the court office, by mail, or online at https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/seabrooktx.

1. **PAY THE FINE AND COURT COSTS**
A plea of guilty or no contest is required. This finalizes the case and no pre-trial or court appearance is needed. A conviction may appear on your driving record.

2. **REQUEST PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**
A plea of guilty or no contest is required. You may request a payment arrangement; if granted, you must pay half of the amount due, and the remaining balance will be due within 30 days. Otherwise, you must submit a complete, sworn financial application. You will be required to return to the Municipal Court for the payment arrangement recommendation. You must supply a picture ID, fingerprint, a daytime phone number, current address and employer information.

3. **COMPLETE A DRIVER SAFETY COURSE**:
A plea of guilty or no contest is required. If you are charged with a traffic offense, you **MAY** be eligible to take a driver safety course to dismiss the charge. You must **NOT** have a Commercial driver's license (CDL) You **must have** a valid Texas driver's license and current insurance in your name and have not taken the course within the last 12 months. **PAYMENT OF $107.00 ($132.00 FOR SCHOOL ZONE OFFENSES) IS REQUIRED UPON REQUESTING THE DRIVER SAFETY COURSE AND MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COURT BEFORE THE COURSE CAN BE COMPLETED.** Violations not eligible for DSC include but are not limited to: (1) speeding 25 MPH or more over the posted speed limit; (2) passing a school bus when loading or unloading children; (3) moving violation received in a work zone with workers present; (4) leaving the scene of an accident after causing serious damage; and (5) leaving the scene of an accident without stopping to render aid and giving information. Upon successful completion of the DSC course and provision of your driving record (obtained from DPS) your case will be dismissed.

4. **REQUEST DEFERRED DISPOSITION:**
You must **NOT** have a Commercial driver's license (CDL) to request Deferred Disposition. A plea of guilty or no contest is required. The Court may, in its sole discretion, defer disposition of your case. This procedure involves your payment of a special expense fee plus court costs, which will be deposited into a bond account. Please contact the Court for the amount at 281-291-5674. The court will defer a finding of guilt, assess the applicable court cost and order you to comply with certain conditions. If you successfully comply with the terms, your case will be dismissed and the bond will be applied to the special expense fee. Normally, the only condition imposed by the court will be that you receive no additional citations for a period of 180 days with the exception of defendants under the age of 25 shall also complete a driver's safety course as a condition of the deferred. If you fail to comply with the conditions, a judgment will be imposed, a conviction will be reported to DPS and the bond money will be applied to the fine. Violations not eligible for Deferred Disposition include but are not limited to: violations in a work zone with workers present. **PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME THE DEFERRED IS REQUESTED**

5. **PLEA OF NOT GUILTY:**

A plea of Not Guilty means that you are informing the Court that you deny guilt to the violation in which you were accused. When you enter a plea of Not Guilty to any violation, you will be set to a trial date. Please inform the court whether you want a trial by Judge or Jury. If you request a trial by Jury, you will first be set

on a pre-trial docket to speak with the Prosecutor before being set for the Jury trial. At your trial, a Judge or Jury will hear the evidence and determine if you are Guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

You may only be granted one deferred and one driver safety course in a 12 month period. Please initial your request and fill out the bottom of this page completely:

I hereby enter my plea of GUILTY _____ NO CONTEST_____

I waive my right to a jury trial and apply for:
____ Payment of fine and court costs in full
____ Driver Safety Course
____ Payment Arrangement
____ Deferred Disposition

I hereby enter my plea of NOT GUILTY _____ and request

____ Trial by Jury (all requests for trial by jury will be set for a pretrial hearing with the prosecutor prior to being set for a jury trial).

____ Trial by Judge

Citation Number: _____ Cause Number: _____
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Name:_____
Please print: First MI Last

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Street Address City State Zip
_____ Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Daytime telephone number Month Date Year
_____ Date _____/_____/_____
Signature Month Date Year

Courts are required by law to collect court costs and fees for the State of Texas. Court costs are assessed if you are found guilty, if you plead guilty or no contest, if your case is deferred for a driver safety course, or if your case is deferred and you are placed on probation. If you are found not guilty, court costs are not assessed. If you go to trial and are found guilty, you may also be required to pay the overtime fees for any peace officer who testified at your trial.